

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Norbert Roesner et al.

Application No.: 10/524,068

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Art Unit: 2832

For: ELECTRICAL SWITCHGEAR

Examiner: R. M. Barrera

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

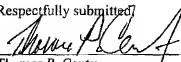
In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed February 27, 2007, applicant hereby provisionally elects claims 12, 13, 15, and 17-25 for continued examination.

The Examiner has required applicant to elect a single species of the invention to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Applicants therefore provisionally elect the species of Group I. The Examiner asserts that claims 12, 13, 15, 17-20, 24 and 25 all correspond to the species of Group I. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 21-23 also correspond to the species of Group I, since the second connection is described in the patent specification as being either closer to the inside or closer to the outside of the switching device. See for example, paragraph [0007].

It is respectfully requested that each of claims 12, 13, 15, 17-20, 24, and 25 presently pending in this application be examined.

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